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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US AIRLINES' PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FILING

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAY 21, 1970 MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
STANDING, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED FILE PRELIMINARY WINTER
SCHEDULES OF PAA, SEABOARD, AND TWA BY AUGUST 1, 1977 WITH
GOI. THE AIRLINES'REPRESENTATIVES IN ITALY WILL PROVIDE
EMBASSY WITH COPIES OF THEIR SCHEDULES.

2. FYI: BY DELETING ITS MIAMI-ROME FLIGHT, PAA WILL ONLY
HAVE DAILY B-747 NEW YORK-ROME SERVICE. THIS SERVICE WILL
AGAIN CHANGE GUAGE TO B-707 EQUIPMENT AT ROME BUT ONLY
SIX INSTEAD OF SEVEN FLIGHTS WILL GO BEYOND ROME. THUS,
PAA'S WEEKLY FREQUENCY ON PASSENGER SERVICES WILL DECREASE
FROM EIGHT TO SEVEN FLIGHTS WITH A CAPACITY DECREASE OF
FIVE PERCENT COMPARED WITH LAST WINTER.

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3. TWA WILL UPGRADE ITS DAILY NEW YORK-MILAN SERVICE BY
CHANGING TO B-747 EQUIPMENT ON FIVE NONSTOP FLIGHTS. THE
TWO OTHER MILAN FLIGHTS WILL OPERATE VIA GENEVA WITH B-707
EQUIPMENT. TWA EXPERIENCED A TWELVE PERCENT PASSENGER
INCREASE AND ACHIEVED A SEAT FACTOR OF FIFTY-SIX PERCENT
ON ITS MILAN SERVICES DURING LAST WINTER. TWA ARGUES THAT
CONTINUED USE OF B-707 AIRCRAFT ON MILAN SERVICE WOULD

PLACE IT AT A VERY SERIOUS COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE WITH ALITALIA. TWA'S ROME SERVICES WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST WINTER EXCEPT FOR CANCELLATION OF A ONCE WEEKLY SERVICE VIA MADRID. THUS, TWA'S WEEKLY FREQUENCY ON PASSENGER SERVICES WILL DECREASE FROM THIRTY-FOUR TO THIRTY-THREE FLIGHTS WITH A CAPACITY INCREASE OF FIFTEEN PERCENT.

4. FOR BOTH PAA AND TWA, THEIR WEEKLY FREQUENCIES WILL DECREASE FROM FORTY-TWO TO FORTY FLIGHTS WITH A CAPACITY INCREASE OF NINE PERCENT.

5. THE US AIRLINES' ALL-CARGO SERVICES WILL DECREASE FROM THIRTEEN TO ELEVEN WEEKLY FLIGHTS WITH NONE FOR PAA, TEN FOR SEABOARD, AND ONE FOR TWA.

6. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT GOI LIKELY TO OBJECT TO TWA'S CAPACITY INCREASE AT MILAN AND MAY INVOKE FACT THERE WERE DISAGREED EX POST FACTO CONSULTATIONS ON LAST WINTER'S CAPACITY AS BASIS FOR FREEZING CAPACITY TO LAST WINTER'S LEVEL UNDER MOU. WE BELIEVE THERE ARE COMPETITIVE GROUNDS, HOWEVER, FOR PRESSING TWA'S SUBSTITUTION OF 747 AIRCRAFT AND THEREFORE HAVE CONCLUDED THE FILING SHOULD BE MADE EVEN THOUGH IT MAY LEAD TO DIFFICULTIES. VANCE

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